

Concerning the petition filed by the NAB, I would urge the FCC to consider the merits of local broadcasting. As a typical morning personality in a small market, I am the source of community news and events information. That being said, the listeners to my program view our local radio shows and hosts as fellow members of the community that desire to assist in the flow of information and aid in exposure for a litany of non-profit or other organizations. The "localization" of satellite services (i.e. their attempt at the perception of being a local media) puts what we try to accomplish on the local level in jeopardy. As mine is a small radio market, there is a limited amount of resources the general public can commit to projects or organizational needs (e.g. United Way fund raisers, local school book drives, etc.). Additionally, it would seem that XM and Sirius satellite networks are infringing on the authorization of license to broadcast via satellite in the first place. I recall a vow to 'vibrant local broadcasting' and the current status of these satellite radio conglomerates is in the position of challenging that very notion. In closing, I would encourage the FCC to hold satellite radio to the initial requirements of license, and prevent the "localization" of these same networks. They have no clear commitment or investment in our American communities, and they stand to diminish the efforts of local broadcasters, who clearly have a vested interest in the same.

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